

HL IB HOA

Command Terms - Translated

Command Term	IB Definition	Terms Needing Definition	Translation of IB Term Definition
Analyse	Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure	<i>Break down</i> <i>Essential Elements</i> <i>Structure</i>	Take apart the topic/subject/idea in your writing and identify the most important parts or the most meaningful arrangement of the parts.
Compare	Give an account of the similarities between two or more items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.	<i>Account</i> <i>Similarities</i> <i>Refer</i> <i>Throughout</i>	Tell a narrative about the things that are in common between two or more items/ situations. Talk about both of the items/ situations throughout the narrative (do not isolate them).
Compare and contrast	Give an account of the similarities and differences between two or more items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.	<i>Account</i> <i>Similarities</i> <i>Differences</i> <i>Refer</i> <i>Throughout</i>	Tell a narrative about the things that are in common and the things that are different between two or more items/ situations. Talk about both of the items/ situations throughout the narrative (do not isolate them).
Contrast	Give an account of the differences between two or more items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.	<i>Account</i> <i>Differences</i> <i>Refer</i> <i>Throughout</i>	Tell a narrative about the things that are different between two or more items/ situations. Talk about both of the items/ situations throughout the narrative (do not isolate them).
Discuss	Offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments, factors or hypothesis. Opinions or conclusions should be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.	<i>Considered</i> <i>Balanced</i> <i>Review</i> <i>Arguments</i> <i>Factors</i> <i>Hypothesis</i>	Present in your writing a point of view that is reached after careful thought and takes all of the possible perspectives into account. Include a variety of reasons, facts, causes/ effects, and explanations that are specific and relevant.
Evaluate	Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.	<i>Appraisal</i> <i>Weighing</i>	Give an estimation of the worth, value, or quantity of the topic by giving a measurement of the strengths and drawbacks.
Examine	Consider an argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of the issue.	<i>Consider</i> <i>Assumptions</i> <i>Interrelationships</i>	In your writing, reveal the opinions or beliefs behind a argument or concept and identify other issues related to it that are not present.
To what extent	Consider the merits or otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.	<i>Consider</i> <i>Merits (or otherwise)</i> <i>Sound</i>	Write about the excellent/ poor aspects of an argument or concept. Express an opinion about how much the argument/ concept deserves praise, and use a variety of reasons, facts, causes/ effects, and explanations that are specific and relevant.